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SUBJECT: REPORTED LEAK OF GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE REPORT -
SECOND PART, EUROPEAN COPRODUCTION F-16

1. BELGIAN GOVERNMENT ALREADY AWARE OF LEAK OF DRAFT GAO REPORT TO "AVIATION WEEK" MAGAZINE. THEY HAVE EXPRESSED OFFICIAL CONCERN THAT PREMATURE DISCLOSURE OF THIS REPORT DURING THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS OF SIGNING THE LOA AND DURING THE CARETAKER GOVERNMENT COULD CAUSE MAJOR DIFFICULTY FOR THE PROGRAM IN BELGIUM.

2. THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAD SUPPORTED AN IDEA RAISED AT THE 13TH MULTINATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 19-20 APRIL 77 THAT THE FOUR EUROPEAN NATIONS WOULD BE AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE REPORT IN DRAFT AND TO DISCUSS POSSIBLY WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GAO ANY INACCURACIES OR DISCREPANCIES. THEY NOW BELIEVE THAT THE ONLY POSSIBLE SOLUTION, SHOULD AVIATION WEEK PUBLISH THE DRAFT REPORT IN WHOLE OR IN PART, WOULD BE FOR THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE TO ISSUE A DISCLAIMER TO THE FACT THAT THE REPORT
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WAS DRAFT AND HAD NOT BEEN FINALIZED PENDING FURTHER REVIEW ON DISCUSSIONS IN EUROPE AND THAT CERTAIN INACCURACIES WERE INHERENT IN ANY REPORT THAT ATTEMPTED TO ADDRESS A CHANGING SITUATION.

3. REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT TAKE ALL STEPS POSSIBLE TO ENCOURAGE
(1) THE DELAY IN THE PUBLICATION OF THE ARTICLE BY AVIATION

WEEK; AND (2) TO SOLICIT COOPERATION OF THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE TO DO WHAT THEY CAN TO MITIGATE A PREMATURE DISCLOSURE OF THEIR REPORT.

4. WE SUPPORT BELIUM'S DESIRE TO REVIEW THE REPORT IN DRAFT AND CONFER WITH THE GAO PRIOR TO ITS OFFICIAL PUBLICATION.
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